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## Elba couple named 2002 Foster Parents of the Year in Alabama

by Linda Hodge, Editor

An Elba couple recently received the honor of being named foster parents of the year during the 2002 Annual Conference of the Alabama Foster and Adoptive Parent

Association. The annual conference was held April 19-20, and Jim and Elaine Dodd of Elba received the honor of being named 2002 Foster Parents of the Year, after being selected by their peers. Nominations for this award

were received from all across the state.

"It was really a great honor for us to be selected," Mrs. Dodd said. "However, we couldn't have done it without the support of our church and the community."

The Dodds have been foster parents for the past five years, and during this time, they have provided a home for 12 different foster children. In addition to being foster parents, the Dodds have two grown sons (ages 23 and 20), a daughter (age 27) and have recently adopted one son, age 11. They are also the grandparents of three children.

"For both myself and my husband, becoming a foster parent has been a calling from God," she said. "We felt as if He knocked on our door and asked us to do this, and we couldn't turn him down."

The Dodds currently are fostering a sibling group of six children in their home with the youngest being 9 years old and the oldest being 17 years old. Originally, they were to serve only two of the children; however, after seeing the children together in an older sister's wedding, the couple decided it would be best for them to provide a home where all of the siblings could be together.



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The Dodd's home only had three bedrooms, but thanks to several love offerings and the support of the their family, friends and community members, the Dodds have been able to add three additional bedrooms and another bathroom to their home.

Mrs. Dodd said the support they have received from the community has been amazing, and she has been overwhelmed by the number of people who have "come out of the woodworks" to donate items to help.

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## Elba man escapes accident without serious injury



Emergency personnel from the Elba Police Department, Elba Fire Department and Coffee County EMS responded Wednesday morning, April 24, to the scene of a single-vehicle accident on U.S. Hwy. 84 West just outside the Elba City Limits. Upon arriving on the scene, the emergency workers found this Pontiac Grand Am which had left the roadway, overturned and settled on its side off the right-of-way. The driver, Adolph Flowers, age 54, of Elba, was the only passenger in the vehicle. Members of the Elba Fire Department were called upon to use extraction equipment so Flowers could be removed from the vehicle. Once he was out of the vehicle, a unit from Coffee County EMS transported him to Elba General Hospital where he was admitted overnight and released from the hospital the next day. Personnel on the scene said Flowers was wearing his seat belt at the time of the accident which was investigated by Alabama State Trooper Willie White.

## Burns seeking reelection as C.C. Revenue Commissioner

Ronnie Burns announces his candidacy for the office of Coffee County Revenue Commissioner in the June 4 Republican primary.

Burns graduated from New Brockton High School and holds a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration from Troy State University. He is certified as an Alabama Certified Appraiser and Tax Administrator from Auburn University.

Burns is married to the former Lib Hayes of New Brockton who has a Bachelor of Science degree from Troy State University and has been a science teacher for the past 32 years. She is presently employed with the Enterprise City School System.

Ronnie and Lib are the parents

of two children, Barry and Marc. Barry is a graduate of Troy State University and is now a teacher and coach with the Enterprise City School System, and Marc is a senior at Troy State University.

Burns is retired from the Alabama National Guard after serving for 28 years. During his last eight years, he served as the enlisted aide-de-camp to the Adjutant General.

Alan Horsey, and Ivan Smith.

"While serving for the past 23 years as your revenue commissioner, I have been audited 22 times and never had a bad audit," he said. "I am very humbled when I think of how good the people of Coffee County have been to my family and me."

During his time in the office, Burns said he has never forgotten what got him there.

"I thank God for the ability to do the job, and you, the people of Coffee County, for giving me the opportunity to be your revenue commissioner," he said. "I sincerely request your vote and support in the June 4 primary."

## Area Happenings

**KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION** Elba Elementary School will have Kindergarten Preregistration Friday, May 3, from 8:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. for those not already registered for the next school term.

**DARE GRADUATION** The Elba Elementary School's D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) Program will hold its annual graduation ceremony Friday, May 3, at 9 a.m. in the school's cafeteria.

**ELBA'S SPRING CONCERT** The Elba City Schools band program will present its annual Spring concert Tuesday, May 7, at 7 p.m. in the Elba High School auditorium. All Elba bands will participate in this program.

**FOOD DRIVE** The U.S. Postal Service will be having its annual food drive Saturday, May 11. All nonperishable goods should be placed in a bag and tied on mailboxes. All food will be donated to Human Resource Development Corporation in Elba.

**ZION CHAPEL'S SPRING CONCERT** The Zion Chapel High School music department, under the leadership of Michael Bird, will present its annual Spring Concert on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 12. Featured groups will include the 5th Grade Recorder Class, the 6th Grade Beginner Band, the High School Jazz Combo, directed by Patrick Bruce, and the Zion Chapel and Kinross High School bands directed by Michael Bird and Patrick Bruce. The concert will begin at 2:30 p.m.

**\*NOTICE\***  
The City of Elba and Town of New Brockton will each observe the National Day of Prayer Thursday, May 2.  
A ceremony will be held in Elba at 11 a.m. at the Elba City Hall with Rev. John Baxter speaking.  
In New Brockton, the ceremony will be held at the town park beginning at 11:45 a.m. Dr. John Granger will be the lead-off speaker in New Brockton with several other pastors participating.

## Coffee County engineer says Today's landfill much improved over yesterday's dump

The Coffee County Commission's consideration of expanding its current allowable service area from the 10 county region in Southeast Alabama to include all of Alabama, Georgia and Florida recently has allowed Tindell to become a major subject of discussion across the county.

"In talking with my constituents, I am finding most people don't have any idea the engineering and construction involved in a modern landfill," said Tim Grimsley, chairman of the Coffee County Commission. "They have these negative images in their minds of landfills of the past."

According to county engineer Randy Tindell, landfills today are light-years ahead of the landfills (dumps) of yesteryear.

"I can remember going with my father to the 'dump' at a very young age," said Tindell. "I can still picture it in my mind. There were all types of garbage laying everywhere. Old cars, furniture, appliances, jars, cans, drums, almost everything you can imagine was lying there out in the open. Occasionally, some of the garbage would be smoldering where someone had set it a fire."

From that deplorable condition came the first landfills, but Tindell said they too were not

much better than dumps.

"These first landfills usually were long, narrow trenches dug into the earth," he said. "As garbage came in, it was thrown into the pits and periodically the pits were covered with dirt."

Tindell said these type landfills began appearing in the late 1960s, and by the mid-1970s, almost every city and county had a landfill of this type.

He said one of the greatest operational problems to overcome in these early landfills was getting vehicles in and out of the landfill in rainy weather. For this reason, most of these old landfills were built in sandy soils since sandy soils allow for more mobility in wet conditions.

However, Tindell said time has shown that locating a landfill in sandy soils is not good. In many cases, there was no barrier between the garbage and the groundwater, and without a barrier, whatever liquid flowed through the garbage flowed into the groundwater.

Recognizing this problem, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency promulgated "Subtitle D" regulations requiring landfills to have liner systems," Tindell said. "Liner Systems serve as barriers between the garbage and groundwater."

He said these new regulations

took effect April 9, 1994, and it was then that most cities and counties closed their old type landfills. Because of the extreme cost of constructing and operating a "Subtitle D" landfill, regional landfills came into existence.

Tindell said Coffee County designed and built the first "Subtitle D" Regional Landfill in the State of Alabama which began receiving waste in October 1993.

"This landfill is so vastly different from previous landfills, it is an insult to refer to it as a 'dump,'" said Tindell.

The Coffee County Landfill was designed and built with a leachate collection system on top of a composite liner system. Leachate is an environmental term used to define rainwater that passes through garbage.

Tindell said the leachate is collected into a piping system that takes the leachate to storage tanks. This leachate is then pumped into tanker trucks and hauled to a wastewater treatment plant in Enterprise where it is treated.

Forcing the leachate into the piping system is a 60 mil. synthetic (plastic) liner. Water flows on top of the liner through

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**ELBA GETS VETERINARY SERVICE**...Traveling outside the Elba area in search of veterinary service became a thing of the past recently when Jones Veterinary Hospital opened an Elba office. The office officially opened Thursday, April 18, and is open every Thursday from 1-6 p.m. Jones Veterinary Hospital comes to Elba from Andalusia, and veterinarians H. Louis Jones and Troy E. Jones provide the services. They specialize in large and small animal medicine and surgery. The Elba Chamber of Commerce and its members welcomed the veterinarians and their employees to Elba last Thursday, April 25, with an official ribbon cutting ceremony. Those present for the ribbon cutting included (from left): Kaye Whitworth, executive director of the Elba Chamber of Commerce; Tonya Jones; Destiny Hudson; Ramona Grantham; Junior Miss Elba Lyndsay Lawford; CVT (veterinary technician), H. Louis Jones, DVM; Rutile Bush, receptionist; Elba Mayor James Grimes; Cathy Bozeman, veterinary technician; Troy E. Jones, DVM; Little Miss Elba Brinley Williams; Joel Chise; Will Scooters, veterinary technician; Herby McCall; Miss Elba Shay Johnson; and George Honyak.











# SCHOOLS

## Community concerned over school board's proposed cuts

by Katie Grimes

On Tuesday, April 16, the Elba City Board of Education held a meeting to discuss the proposal of making cuts in next year's school program. The main topic was the potential termination of Mr. Jacob Davis and the elimination of the agricultural program. Many members of the local agricultural community made their presence and concern known at the meeting and presented research on the impact of the vocational/agricultural program on the community and economic status.

Due to the fact that roughly one-third of EHS students are involved in the agricultural program, Elba High School is

teeming with concern over this subject.

DeAnn Smith explained, "As a student I realize that our school is going through significant changes due to the financial cutbacks. However, I feel that the elimination of programs and necessary teachers from our school is not the solution to this problem. I understand that drastic measures are going to have to be taken to fix this, but sacrificing essential studies is not going to fix the problem; it will, however, just make matters worse."

Some people do not believe that the agricultural classes are essential. These people have failed to see where we live and the economic environment we live in. 25 percent of jobs in

this area are agriculture related.

Of the eleven counties in the Wiregrass area, agriculture fields bring in close to one billion dollars a year. Coffee County is ranked as the number two county in the state as far as agricultural industries. And yet people are willing to cut this from the studies of their youth. Where exactly would your children be headed without agriculture?

"This is something very important to our present society, and in order to keep it your children need to be educated in what forms the economy in this area. Without agriculture there would be an extreme decline in the jobs around here. If some one threatened to close a plant in this area people would go crazy, but they see nothing wrong in teaching their children to do this."

"When these programs are cut, the children are being told to turn their backs on all of these things that make up their lives. While this solution may fix our present situation, what about the future? Can you imagine this community without any agriculture industries or fields? If these classes are eliminated, it will not take you long to see this first hand. I believe that there are other solutions that could help us without having such a detrimental effect as this one does. I urge the school board to try other options and forget about this, for it will cost us much more money than it could save in the long run."

One concerned faculty member reiterated these feelings by pointing out the possibilities of other less essential areas.

"I think that the elimination of Mr. Davis and the agricultural program is wrong. I believe that there are other options that have yet to be explored. Rather than getting rid of programs that benefit so many people, maybe we should look at suspending tenancy contracts, if it is in the best interest of our school. We need to do whatever MOST benefits the children we are serving."

Sophomore Andy Waddell said, "I think it would affect the school and community more than everyone thinks. Agriculture is one of the main industries in Coffee County, and without the VoAg classes, students would not realize the many opportunities of this field. The elimination of this program would be negative for all students involved in VoAg classes and the ELA."

Some people don't play sports or participate in the band program; they enjoy farming. I think that to be fair, we should keep this program."

It has become obvious that the students, faculty, and community are extremely concerned with this issue. The general opinion seems to be that whatever cuts need to be made should come from those areas that are actually less essential, disregarding titles and extracurricular obligations. We are ready and willing to fight for what we believe is necessary.

## Co-Op Spotlight

by Katie Grimes

This week's Co-op Spotlight features EHS junior Brandon Behrens.

Brandon is the 17-year-old son of Paul and Mickie Behrens. He is employed at National Security, and his duties there include performing maintenance work.

Brandon's hobbies include restoring his 1967 Ranchero, and he enjoys actively participating in VICA at EHS.

After completing his high school education, Brandon hopes to attend college at VMI. Congratulations to Brandon Behrens for being featured in this week's Co-op Spotlight!

## First annual Lift-A-Thon a success

by Gavin Mauldin

The first annual Elba Tiger Lift-A-Thon was held last Friday night, April 19, and was a huge success.

The event was enjoyed by all who attended, and funds raised totaled over \$3,000 for the athletic club.



Brandon Behrens

## Elba Elementary School Menu May 6 - 10, 2002

BREAKFAST		LUNCH	
Monday	Cheese Sandwich, 1/2 Orange, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Monday	Chili w/ Beans, Cheese Sandwich, Mixed Vegetables, 1/2 Apple, Milk
Tuesday	Pancakes & Syrup, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Tuesday	Steak Sandwich, Rice, English Peas, Sliced Peaches, Milk
Wednesday	Biscuit & Jelly, Sausage, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Wednesday	Chicken Fajitas, Salsa, Green Salad, Chips, Corn on Cob, Fruit Cocktail, Milk
Thursday	Breakfast Pizza, 1/2 Apple, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Thursday	Salisbury Steak, Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy, Peas & Carrots, Roll, 1/2 Orange, Milk
Friday	Cheese Grits, Toast & Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Friday	Ham Sandwich, French Fries, Baked Beans, Cake, Milk

## Families urged to build upon strengths

by Angela G. Hughes

County Extension Agent

Two family researchers recently conducted a national study of more than 3,000 families who had a high degree of marital happiness, satisfying parent-child relationships, and seemed to be able to meet each other's needs. These families listed six major strengths important to their happiness.

First, commitment. Strong families are concerned about each other's welfare and happiness. They support one another, and the family is of first importance in their lives.

Second, appreciation. Strong families express appreciation to each other often. Even negative feelings are expressed in a way that helps build relationships.

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Fifth, spiritual wellness. Strong families have a sense of greater power or purpose on which they rely for strength. This can include religious worship or service to others in a worthy cause.

Sixth, ability to deal with crisis and stress. Strong families are able to see past the stress with the knowledge that "some good will come of it."

These study results are alarming because diabetes can increase risks of other health problems such as heart disease, kidney problems, blindness and circulation problems. It's important for obese young people to have their sugar levels tested regularly.

Intensive efforts to reduce obesity in children and youth who have impaired glucose tolerance, will help prevent their developing type II diabetes.

Source: Dr. Barbara Struempier, Nutritionist, Alabama Cooperative Extension System

Yale researchers looked at 167 kids and teens with a body mass index or BMI greater than 95 percentile for their age. The kids were tested for evidence of impaired glucose tolerance. Impaired glucose tolerance means that the body is not able to use sugar properly and the sugar levels in the blood go higher than normal after eating, but not high enough to be considered diabetes.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY...Sabrina Kelley (center), school nurse for the Elba City School System, celebrated her birthday last Thursday, April 25. Kelley's co-workers at the elementary school helped her celebrate this special day. They even presented her with a birthday hat to be worn for the day. She is pictured above with Jamie Hutchinson (left) and Tiffany Gernight (right), the secretaries at the elementary school. These ladies also were honored by the staff of the elementary school last week as they celebrated National Secretaries Week.

## Band concert planned:

The Elba band program will present its annual Spring Band Concert Tuesday, May 7, at 7 p.m. in the Elba High School auditorium. The concert will include all Elba bands.

## Obese kids showing signs of diabetes

by Susan Taylor

NEP/Extension Agent

A new Yale University study reveals that one in four obese children in the United States has early signs of type II diabetes—a type seen only in adults until recently. In fact, almost half of the children and adolescents now diagnosed with diabetes have the type II form of the disease, which is strongly linked to obesity and lack of exercise.

Previous research released late last year confirmed that childhood obesity has reached epidemic proportions in the United States. Almost 20 percent of black, white, and Hispanic children are obese today.

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# SCHOOLS

## FBLA students participate in state conference

by Perry Cauthen

On April 11 and 12, the Alabama FBLA State Conference was held in the ballrooms of the Sheraton hotel in Birmingham, Alabama.

Shortly after arriving at school, the students departed sharply at 8 a.m. The first stop would come at around 9:30 in Prattville, for breakfast, at the Cracker Barrel. After leaving the Cracker Barrel, the students arrived in Birmingham around 12:30. The competitions did not begin until around 3:15, so the students had a small amount of free time until they had to get ready and attend.

When the competitions started, the competitors for Accounting I and II, Business Calculations, Business Communications, Business Law, Business Procedures, Computer Concepts, Economics, FBLA Principals and Procedures, Introduction to Business Communications, Introduction to Parliamentary Procedure, and Technology Concepts had to sign in, as well as compete in Sheraton Ballroom II, before they could begin their work.

Desktop Publishing, Entrepreneurship, Parliamentary Procedure, and Future Business Leader contestants had to sign in before they began their work in the Sheraton Ballroom II.

Free time was observed between the time they finished their work and the time that the Opening General Session began at 8 p.m.

At the Opening General Session, FBLA State President Amanda Poake, the PBL State President, and the FBLA National Southern Region Vice President, Heath Hattaway welcomed all of the competitors and attendees. After the first General Session ended, the students were allowed to go back to their rooms and change, and a dance was set to start at 9 p.m.

After the dance, students observed curfew at 12 midnight.

After waking up on Friday, the students that had to participate in a presentation at 8 a.m., got ready and met Mrs. Bryan in the lobby. This included the Parliamentary Procedure Team and the Entrepreneurship Team. After the presentations, the students observed free time until 10:15. At 10:15, the Second General Session began with the PBL Representative's formal welcome to the attendees.

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General Session, retired non-commissioned officers from the Army and Navy were presented during the flag ceremony, as to help explain the importance of tomorrow's leaders in "Destination Leadership." After the Second General Session ended around 11:45, a Delegate Assembly was held in order to elect State Officers for the 2002-2003 year, during which only two delegates per chapter attended.

When the Second General Session ended, students ate lunch at the Sheraton Hotel's lobby. After all of the students ate their lunches, the Awards Ceremony began around 2 p.m.

When it began at two, the Installation Ceremony for the newly elected officers was presented. The Zion Chapel Middle Level FBLA was recognized for creating this Ceremony, which was used to install the State Officers. The Presentation of awards began shortly afterwards.

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The Zion Chapel Parliamentary Procedure Team, which consisted of Jason Sanders, Jeremy Sanders, Michael Sneed, Kristen McLendon and Meta Gatlin, also won Second Place.

In FBLA Principals and Procedures, Roy King also won Second Place.

In Computer Concepts, Jonah Edmondson brought home a Third Place win.

Allan Harrison also won Third Place in Introduction to Parliamentary Procedure.

Because of the event that he participated in, Roy King will be able to compete at the National Leadership Conference in Nashville, Tenn., in June. His category allows the second place winner to compete at the National Level.

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Views from....

## THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

I deep-fried a mess of bream over the weekend and even though both of the girls said they didn't like fish, they did their best to pick the meat off the bones and tried to find enough fish to at least fill them up until they could leave the house and grab a snack at the store. I guess in these days of chicken ~~frills~~ and fish filets, some kids (mine included) may have forgotten just what it is they are really eating. Oh well, they do know where hamburger meat comes from.

### SWINGS AND MISSES...

\*\*\* The Elba Tigers went into last week's playoff game against Lanett having won six of their last seven playoff games at home and brimming with confidence after their last swing win over Pike County in the area finals. All that history failed to help against the visitors from East Alabama; however, as Lanett combined solid pitching with good hitting and countless Elba errors, to spark the Tigers 15-5 and put an end to Elba's season. Elba's Coach Wynn Grimes had stated all season long that when his team played well on defense it could win against anyone it played, and also added that when his team made errors, a loss usually followed. Such was certainly the case last week as the Tigers made enough errors, both mentally and physically, to lose two of three games, much less one against a very good opponent. The loss hurt the Tigers and left them with a 12-5 record, but the season was a successful one for Coach Grimes and his team, and with no seniors in the line-up, Elba fans are already looking forward to next season and many more wins. Thanks Tigers, it was a fun ride!

\*\*\* The Elba Lady Tigers nosed their record above the .500 mark last week before falling late in the week to Opp in end the week's action with a 9-9 tie. The Elba girls got off to a slow 0-7 start and appeared to be going nowhere fast, but have now won nine of their last eleven games and have to be one of the favorites heading into this weekend's section tournament in Orange Beach. The Lady Tigers are much like their baseball counterparts in that when they make errors they usually lose. However, Elba seems to be improving every time it hits the field and after one season of fast-pitch softball appears to be as good as any of the other teams that are new to the sport. Unless I miss my guess, look for the Lady Tigers to be playing again next weekend with a state tournament berth on the line.

\*\*\* Ozark officially joined the Southeastern Baseball Association last week and that means that historic Eagle Stadium will once again house a pro baseball team. Ozark will be one of six teams in the independent minor league association and will join teams from Montgomery, Baton Rouge, Selma, Americus and Pensacola in an attempt to revive minor league baseball across the south. The teams will play a 72-game schedule, with 36 home games, and that means that baseball fans in the Wiregrass area will get the chance to watch pro baseball without having to travel to Atlanta. The quality of the play might not be major league caliber, but the young pro prospects will always give it all they have in an effort to catch the attention of pro scouts, and I for one plan on making the short trip over to watch a few games to see what the new league is all about. Sounds like a fun summer for baseball fans around the area.

\*\*\* Troy State finalized its 2002 football schedule last week with the addition of Florida A & M at the Azalea City Classic, in Mobile, and once again the Trojans have a very ambitious schedule as they head into 1A college football. Troy State will play 12 games next season, with road games at Arkansas, Iowa State, Marshall, Mississippi State, Missouri, Nebraska and UAB, along with home games against Southern Utah, Austin Peay, Florida Atlantic and Utah State, and the game in Mobile against Florida A & M. One plus is that six of the dozen games will be played in Alabama, which will give the Trojans and their fans a chance to cut back on travel. Hey, the 2002 schedule is one that would challenge just about any college team, much less a team on the 'grew like Troy State.

\*\*\* Elba High School began spring football practice this week and Coach Mike Waters was expecting around 50 players to be present for the opening day of drills. The Tigers will be a veteran squad this spring and should have the leadership needed to help the team take the step to the next level in both confidence and skill. After a very successful off-season weight program, many Tiger fans might be more than a little surprised if they get the chance to stop by the field and watch some action. There can be no doubt that the pride is back.

\*\*\* In closing...youth baseball and softball season is now in full swing and I urge all sports fans to try and come out at least one night a week to give the youngsters the support they so richly deserve. These young players are ages 3-15 and it isn't easy for a player that young to get out on the field and compete in front of a lot of people. Let 'em know that you are there to support them all, no matter the team and no matter the score. Remember, the game is for the kids and not for the parents to yell at the coaches or the umpires. Let 'em hear you, but let 'em hear your cheers!

### On a tear after 0-7 start

## Lady Tigers even record at 9-9

The Elba Lady Tigers have continued their late-season surge in recent weeks and since their disappointing 0-7 start are on a 9-2 run as they have evened their record at 9-9 for the season.

"We knew we had the girls that could win," said Coach Amelia Rhoades, "but it took everyone working together as a team to make it happen, and we have become a team in recent weeks. We are still making too many mistakes in the field to win in a close game. However, our hitting has really improved and we know we can play well on defense if we concentrate and get in position. We will be the new kids on the block this weekend at the Sectional Tournament down in Gulf Shores, but the Elba Lady Tigers have proven they can win in fast-pitch softball and we are going down there to win the tournament and then earn a berth in the state tournament."

Following are highlights of recent Lady Tiger action:

### ELBA 12 SAMSON 7

The Elba Lady Tigers scored seven runs in the fifth inning to erase a 6-1 deficit and then added four runs in their final at-bat to rally past Samson 12-7, in Samson. Elba pulled even at 1-1 in the top of the second when Casey Skinner walked and later scored, only to see Samson rally and pull out to a 6-1 lead after four innings. A one-out single by Devri Kilcrease in the top of the fifth sparked a Lady Tiger rally, however, and Samantha Williams followed with an RBI double and Lacy Carlisle delivered a bases-loaded double two batters later as Elba rallied with a six-run inning to take a 7-6 lead. Back-to-back singles by Casey Skinner and Stephanie Baxley keyed a four-run seventh as the Lady Tigers pulled ahead 12-6 and Elba easily held on for

the win. Lagina Mack and Stephanie Baxley both had 2 hits to lead Elba, while Lacy Carlisle added a three-run double.

### PL HOME 10 ELBA 7

The Pleasant Home Lady Eagles combined one hit with two walks and eight errors in the top of the first to grab an early 8-0 lead and held on late as the Elba Lady Tigers dropped a 10-8 decision, in Elba. The Lady Tigers spotted Pleasant Home the early 8-0 lead, but began a comeback in the second when Haleigh Duncan singled and later scored on a fielders choice. The Lady Eagles upped their lead to 10-2 in the fourth, but the Lady Tigers refused to quit and plated one run in the fifth to cut the lead to 10-3. Elba combined four straight walks with back-to-back singles by Rachel Bludsworth and Casey Skinner to pull within 10-7 in the sixth, and then got as close at 10-8 in the seventh, but it was too little, too late, as Elba suffered the 10-8 defeat. Haleigh Duncan got 2 hits to lead Elba at the plate, while Brittany Daniels added 1 hit and scored two runs.

### ELBA 11 BRANTLEY 1

The Elba Lady Tigers pulled ahead early and then pulled away late to claim their first home win of the season in an 11-1 win over the Brantley Lady Bulldogs, in Elba. Back-to-back hits by Lagina Mack and Casey Skinner in the bottom of the first helped Elba jump out to a quick 5-0 lead, while Lagina Mack delivered a bases-loaded double in the third as Elba blew the game wide open by taking an 11-0 advantage. Brantley scored its only run of the game in the fourth as Elba held on and claimed the 11-1 win. Rachel Bludsworth had 12-6 and Elba easily held on for

Elba at the plate, while Brittany Daniels added three singles and scored three runs.

### ELBA 11 GOSHEN 10

The Elba Lady Tigers twice rallied from four-run deficits to claim an exciting 11-10 win over the Goshen Lady Eagles, in Elba. Lacy Carlisle ripped an RBI double in the bottom of the first as Elba staged a mild rally to pull within 4-2, only to see Goshen continue its early game fireworks in the second as the Lady Eagles regained command by taking a 6-2 advantage. The Lady Tigers still trailed 6-2 heading into the bottom of the third, but came to life at the plate and sparked by an RBI double by Lacy Carlisle and the singles by Rachel Bludsworth and Michelle Carpenter, plated four runs to pull even at 6-6. Goshen scored three runs in its half of the fourth to regain the lead at 9-6, but Elba again rallied and scored two runs on only one hit in its half of the fourth to cut the deficit to 9-8. The Lady Tigers trailed 10-8 heading into the bottom of the sixth, but again scored twice on only one hit to pull even at 10-10, and then pulled out the wild win in the seventh when Lagina Mack drew a one-out walk and then raced home on a game-winning double by Lacy Carlisle. Lacy Carlisle collected three doubles, scored two runs and knocked in three runs to lead Elba at the plate, while Lagina Mack added two hits and scored four runs, and Rachel Bludsworth added two hits and scored three runs.

### OPP 10 ELBA 3

The Elba Lady Tigers carried a 3-2 lead into the bottom of the sixth inning, only to see the Opp Lady Bobcats plate eight runs in their half of the frame to take the lead as Opp rallied late to claim a 10-3 win, in Opp. The Lady Tigers combined a Devri Kilcrease single with three walks and a hit batter to take a 2-0 lead in the second inning, and later went ahead 3-0 in the fourth when Brittany Daniels walked and later scored on a fielder's choice. Opp got its first hit of the game in its half of the fifth and combined it with two walks to cut the Elba lead to 3-2, then combined two hits with two walks and five Elba errors in the sixth to plate eight runs and pull away to claim the 10-3 win. Haleigh Duncan and Devri Kilcrease got the only Elba hits in the loss.

### ELBA 19 LUVERNE 4

The Elba Lady Tigers spotted Luverne an early 2-0 lead and then came roaring back to post a topsided 19-4 win, in Elba. Luverne took advantage of five Elba errors in the top of the first to grab a quick 2-0 lead, but the

## High School Baseball & Softball DIAMOND NOTES

### BASEBALL

#### Kinston Bulldogs outscore Zion Chapel 13-10

The Kinston Bulldogs improved their record to 22-3 last Monday night with an exciting 13-10 win over the Zion Chapel Rebels, in Elba. Cody Sansom and Matthew Wilkerson each had 4 hits to lead the Bulldogs at the plate, while Patrick Nelson added 3 hits and J.T. Wiggins got the win on the mound.

#### New Brockton edged out by Arton 5-4

The New Brockton Gamecocks saw a disappointing season come to a disappointing end last Monday afternoon with a 5-4 loss to the Arton Purple Cats, in Arton. Chris Logan got 3 hits, including the game winner, to lead the Purple Cats at the plate, while Joseph Van Zandt picked up the win on the mound.

### SOFTBALL

#### New Brockton sweeps past G.W. Long 10-5, 8-6

The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks continued their late-season surge by sweeping a double-header from the G.W. Long Lady Rebels 10-5 and 8-6. Melanie McGlothlen and Kendra Cole both had 3 hits for the Lady Gamecocks in the twin killing, while Rena Donaldson, Lakiya Flowers and Brittney Donaldson had 2 hits each in the opening win and Rena Donaldson and Flowers also added 2 hits in the second game.

#### Kinston Lady Bulldogs sweep past Arton 7-4, 6-1

The Kinston Lady Bulldogs upped their record to 17-8 Thursday afternoon with a 7-4 and 6-1 double-header sweep past the Arton Lady Purple Cats. Amber McKinney had 4 hits to lead Kinston to the wins, while Brittany Hunko added 3 hits and Bridget Marlowe got both wins on the rubber.

#### New Brockton splits with Houston Academy 4-1, 1-8

The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks won the opening game of a double-header against the Houston Academy Lady Raiders 4-1 to hand Houston Academy its second loss of the season, but dropped game two 8-1. Both Lady Raider losses came at the hands of the Lady Gamecocks as the two slow pitch powers split the season series 2-2.

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# SPORTS

### Fall hard to Lanett 15-5

## Tigers made early exit from playoffs



OFF AND RUNNING...An Elba Tiger batter is off and running after driving a single to left field in last week's 15-5 playoff loss to Lanett.

## STATE PLAYOFF RESULTS

Following are the results of the opening two rounds of the state high school baseball playoffs involving area teams:

### OPENING ROUND:

#### Class 1A

G.W. Long 7 Reeltown 0

Sweet Water 9 P.P. Home 1

Thorsby 4 Arton 3

Kinston 9 Milly 7

Class 2A

Calera 7 Straughn 2

Houston Ac. 11 Ranburne 1

Leroy 5 Wicksburg 4

Marbury 5 Red Level 2

Slocomb 4 Horseshoe Bend 2

Excel 11 Geneva Co. 9

Class 3A

Lanett 15 Elba 5

Montgomery Ac. 14 W.S. Neal 8

Dadeville 10 Pike Co. 0

Class 4A

Trinity 18 Andalusia 8

Headland 10 Choctaw Co. 5

St. James 2 T.R. Miller 1

Greensboro 6 Dale Co. 5

Geneva 7 Jackson 0

Class 5A

Eufaula 12 Brookwood 2

C. Henderson 5 Greenville 0

Class 6A

Northview 11 Selma 1

Dothan 6 Prattville 5

SECOND ROUND:

Class 1A

G.W. Long 6 Sweet Water 5

Kinston 7 Thorsby 4

Class 2A

Houston Ac. 4 Leroy 3

Excel 7 Slocomb 4

Class 3A

Ashville 11 Lanett 3

Montgomery Ac. 11 Northside 0

Class 4A

UMS-Wright 8 Headland 0

Greensboro 5 Geneva 3

Class 5A

S. Pauls 3 Eufaula 0

Monroe Co. 16 C. Henderson 5

Class 6A

Northview 8 Theodore 0

Daphne 14 Dothan 1

## WEEKLY PREP PLANNER

### SOFTBALL

Thursday, May 2

Elba at Red Level 3:30

Arton at Kinston (DH) 4:00

New Brockton at G.W. Long (DH) 4:00

Floral at Zion Chapel (DH) 3:30

Saturday, May 4

Sectional Tournaments:

Elba, at Orange Beach Complex

New Brockton, Zion Chapel and Kinston, at Elba



The Elba Tigers saw their season come to an abrupt end last Wednesday afternoon in the opening round of the Class 3A high school baseball playoffs as the Lanett Panthers scored early and often to hand the Tigers a 15-5 whipping, in Elba.

The loss left the Tigers with a final record of 12-5, while the Panthers advanced to second round play with an 11-7 state.

Lanett came out ready to play in the opening inning and combined three hits with three Elba errors to jump out to a quick 3-0 advantage.

The Panthers added a lone run in the third to up its lead to 4-0, then plated five runs in the fourth to take a commanding 9-0 lead over the stunned Tigers.

Elba finally got on the scoreboard in the bottom of the fifth when Jason Curran tripled and later scored on a fielder's choice off the bat of Marcus Henderson. However, Lanett answered the Tigers' run with one of its own in both the fifth and sixth innings, and carried an 11-1 lead into the bottom of the sixth. Elba was down, but showed signs of coming back to life in its half of the sixth as the Tigers plated four runs to pull within 11-5.

A solo home-run by Marcus Henderson ignited the Elba rally, while Rick Smith laced a



Elba Tiger Richard Myers (in black) avoids the tag of the Lanett first-baseman after a wide throw at first. Myers had a double later in the game as the Tigers ended their season with a 12-5 record with the playoff loss.

two-out single to keep the Elba rally alive and Derrick Thomas reached on a walk. Richard Myers followed with an RBI double to force in Smith, and then Thomas and Myers both raced home on a two-run double by

Matthew Curran

The Tigers were thinking comeback after the sixth inning, but Lanett added four runs in the top of the seventh to quiet the Tigers and went on to post the 15-5 win.

Jason Curran went 3 for 4 with a single, double and triple to lead Elba at the plate, while Marcus Henderson added a solo home-run and added two RBIs.

### Improve record to 24-3 with wins

## Kinston Bulldogs still alive in 1A playoffs

The Kinston Bulldogs continued their winning ways on the baseball diamond last week with a pair of wins in the Class 1A High School Baseball Playoffs.

The wins improved the Bulldogs' record to 24-3 and moved Kinston into a weekend best-of-three series against Maplesville, in Maplesville.

The Bulldogs opened the playoffs at home against Millry and jumped out to a quick 5-0 lead before hanging on late to claim the 9-7 win. Cody Sansom was the winning pitcher as he scattered nine hits and struck out eight batters. Patrick Nelson got 3 hits to lead the Bulldogs at the plate, while Cody Sansom

Ryan Anderson and Deke Hawthorne all added 2 hits.

The Bulldogs traveled to Thorsby on Saturday afternoon in round two action and came home with an impressive 7-4 win. Kinston needed a five-run sixth inning outburst to escape with the win. Ryan Anderson got the mound win for Kinston

as he pitched five and two-thirds innings and struck out four batters, while Cody Sanson pitched the final one and a third innings and got the save. Tim Whigham got 3 hits, including a triple and 2 RBIs to lead the Bulldogs at the plate, while Justin White added 2 hits.

Let's Go...

## Outdoors with Ben

by Ben Norman, Sports Columnist



Streamside Management Zones Provide Food and Shelter for Wildlife

Several years ago clearcutting forest land meant just what the term implies—cutting all merchantable timber on a tract of land, including trees along both sides of a stream. Thankfully, the forest industry has made progress in the last decade in limiting the cutting of streamside trees. This strip of trees and other vegetation growing adjacent to a stream is known as a streamside management zone. Under Alabama's Best Management Practices for woodlands, the State Forestry Commission established guidelines for timber harvesters to follow when clear cutting areas near streams. Under the BMP guidelines, at least 50% of the canopy or approximately half of the existing trees should remain within a minimum distance of 35 feet from each side of the stream bank after harvesting operations. These guidelines further state that trees should not be harvested from banks or steep slopes if cutting the trees will destabilize the soil and cause degradation of the water.

The end result of retaining trees along the stream banks is more food, cover and breeding areas for wildlife. Deer, turkey and squirrel benefit from leaving food producing trees such as beech, oaks, hickory, dogwood, etc. Hollow trees left in the SMZ provide dening areas for raccoons, opossums, squirrels, and nest sites for wood ducks and non-game birds.

Landowners benefit from leaving streamside management zones in other ways too. They help protect water quality by acting as a filter to soil sediment and pollutants up gradient to a stream. They also protect and maintain the aquatic plants and animals by stabilizing the soil along banks and reduce temperature variances by providing shade.

One doesn't have to be a landowner to get involved in protecting streams by retaining trees and other vegetation along stream banks. Landowners and sportsmen who lease land must work together for the benefit of each other. While it is true a few landowners want every "stick of wood" harvested to increase their check, the majority of landowners today enjoy their land for other reasons besides just the monetary rewards the forest offers. Landowners who lease their land to hunting clubs realize that property managed for wildlife, in conjunction with growing timber, brings higher lease fees. The Alabama Forestry Commission and organizations like the Alabama Treasure Forest Association conduct seminars to educate timber growers and loggers on establishing streamside management zones and other aspects of best management practices.

In my opinion the sportsmen of Alabama owe a tip of the hat to the Alabama forestry industry and the Forestry Commission and the Alabama Treasure Forest Association for working together to protect our streams. I know of no other industry that has made as much progress in policing itself as the forest industry has. Sure, there are still a few renegades out there and there will always be room for improvement, and I'm still not totally sold of clear cutting, but the fact remains, things are better than they were 25 years ago.

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## Elba Parks &amp; Recreation

## \*\* BASEBALL \*\*

## \*\* SOFTBALL \*\*

## SCHEDULES

## BASEBALL

## TEE-BALL

Hawkins-Williams, Field #3  
Tuesday, May 7  
6:00 - Giants vs. Phillies

## COACH-PITCH

Hawkins-Williams, Field #1  
Thursday, May 2  
6:00 - Reds vs. Dodgers

7:30 - New Brockton vs. Rockies  
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## SOFTBALL

\*\*\* Opp 7 Curve 2 - The Curve took advantage of 12 walks as the Curve dropped a 7-2 decision, in Dixie Belles action. The Curve trailed only 3-1 heading into the bottom of the fifth, but saw Opp plate four runs on no hits in the bottom of the frame to take charge and secure the win. Elena McCormick, Shay Thigpen and Becky Stinson all had one hit to lead the Curve, while Nikki Harper and Thigpen scored the Curve runs.

\*\*\* River Bandits 21 Luverne Dodgers 7 - The River Bandits pulled ahead early and then pulled away late to outscore the Luverne Dodgers 21-7, in Dixie Belles action. The River Bandits scored seven runs in the bottom of the second to grab a 7-0 lead, then added 13 runs over the final two innings to pull away and blow the game open. Krystan Parker got 2 hits and scored 3 runs to lead the River Bandits at the plate, while Melanie Mularz and Valerie Hutcherson both added 2 hits and scored 2 runs, and Becky Stinson added a bases-loaded triple.

\*\*\* Twisters 11 Blaze 9 - The Twisters pulled out to an early lead and held on late to down the Blaze 11-9, in Dixie Angels action. The Twisters owned a big 11-2 lead in the second inning, but had to hold on late to escape with the win. Kei-Auna Wilson got 1 hit and scored 2 runs to lead the Twisters, while Molly McGuire, Lindsey Carney and Camery Matthews all scored 2 runs. Cortin Lee had a triple to lead the Blaze at the plate, while Jessica Orr and Maize Thomas both added 1 hit, and Shelby Brunson scored 2 runs.

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COUNTY OF COFFEE  
Default being made in the terms of that certain real estate mortgage executed by Joseph Biancanello and Elisa Donn, to Pea River Timber Company, Inc., dated September 8, 2000, and recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Coffee County, Alabama, said mortgage was last sold, assigned and transferred to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the courthouse door of Coffee County, Alabama, during the legal hours of sale, on Wednesday, the 15th of May, 2002, the following described property to-wit:

**PARCEL ONE:** A parcel of land lying West of, but not adjacent to, the Brookdale Subdivision in the City of Elba, Coffee County, Alabama, and being a portion of the NW 1/4 of Section 23, Township 6 North, Range 21 East, Coffee County, Alabama, and being more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the Southeast corner of the NW 1/4 of said Section 23, said point being a 4"x4" concrete monument, thence N. 55°10'10" E. 1707.51 feet to a 1/2" rebar (CAP CA 0434) at the POINT OF BEGINNING of the parcel herein described, thence S. 20°58'58" E. 216.87 feet to a 1/2" rebar (CAP CA 0434), thence S53°44'55" E. 106.82 feet to a 1/2" rebar (CAP CA 0434), thence S49°36'45" W. 215.02 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING. Said parcel containing 0.26 acres more or less.

**PARCEL TWO:** A 1.00 acre more or less, of a parcel of land being in and a part of the SE 1/4 of the NW 1/4, Section 23, Township 6 North, Range 21 East, Coffee County, Alabama, and being more particularly described as follows: Commence at the Intersection of the northwestern right-of-way (R.O.W.) of Coffee County Road No. 239 (80' R.O.W.) and running Parallel S. 34°25'32" W. 100.00 feet along the Coffee County Road No. 239 portion of a 100 foot lot area of R.O.W.'s to the end of the 100 foot area; thence S34°25'32" W. 31.67 feet along the said northwestern R.O.W. to the beginning of a curve in said R.O.W., thence along a curve to the right in said R.O.W. with a delta angle of 101°35'17" having a radius of 1840.33 feet and an arc length of 51.00 feet, to the POINT OF BEGINNING. Thence continue along the curve to the right in said R.O.W. with a delta angle of 210.11 feet, with a chord bearing and distance of S 40°05'24" W. 210.00 feet, to a point, thence N 53°53'47" W. 223.75 feet to a point, thence N 49°35'31" E. 215.43 feet to a point, thence S 53°53'47" W. 188.10 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

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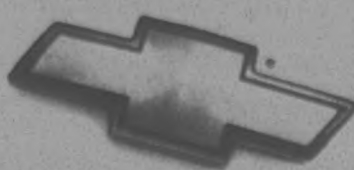
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## Wiregrass landfills face changes

There are currently three operating 'Subtitle D' landfills in Southeast Alabama, and all three have been the subject of many studies, public hearings and media coverage over the past several months.

Coffee County has a landfill about six miles northeast of Elba. Browning Ferris Industries (BFI) has a landfill in Brundidge, and the City of Dothan has a landfill in Dothan. The Coffee County Commission recently voted down an option to sell its landfill to Waste Corporation of America, said Coffee County engineer Randy Tindell. "The county is currently considering expanding its allowable service area from the current 10 county region in Southeast Alabama to all counties in Alabama, Georgia and Florida."

He said the commission has held its required public hearing concerning the permit modification but has yet to take any action.

Tindell said BFI recently got the favorable nod from the Brundidge City Council to expand its allowable service area from the current 17 county region in Southeast Alabama to include all states east of the Mississippi River and the state of Louisiana. He added that several months ago, the City of Dothan commissioned a local consulting engineering firm to review its entire solid waste management program to include the future of its landfill. He said this study is slated to be complete in mid-May at which time a public hearing will be held.

"The economics of running a landfill are not unlike many other large scale businesses," Tindell said. "It is a scale of volume economies type thing. The more waste that comes in, the lower the unit cost of disposing that waste."

He said when the volume of waste goes down, the unit cost of disposing of that waste goes up.

"It's not a linear relationship either - it's exponential," Tindell said.

For example, he said the unit cost of handling 600 tons per day is not much different from the unit cost of handling 800 tons per day, but the unit cost of handling 200 tons per day is profoundly higher than the unit cost of handling 400 tons per day.

Tindell said Coffee County has experienced a 30 percent loss in volume since BFI opened its landfill in Brundidge in November 2001. Likewise, he said the City of Dothan has experienced a loss in volume at its landfill.

"It is a two-edged sword," Dothan Public Works director Jerry Corbin said in an article in the April 25 edition of the Dothan Eagle. "We are gaining time and space and it pushes the closure of the landfill out further. We don't have to commit the money that soon, but we are also losing income."

"The cost of doing business on the expense end is the same," he said. "You don't get rid of equipment and people because volume is down."

Tindell said while Coffee County and Dothan are experiencing reduced volumes at their landfills, BFI is experiencing increased volumes at its Brundidge landfill with much of its growth coming at the expense of Coffee County and Dothan.

In an April 23 article of the

## New Brockton preparing for June centennial celebration

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The New Brockton Town Council found its monthly meeting Monday, May 6, to be rather routine as the members worked through the items on the agenda within a timely manner.

The upcoming centennial celebration for the town was atop the minds of the council members as they received an update on planning for the event. ADECA (Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs) block grant for housing rehabilitation.

He said the information he received indicated that New Brockton could apply for up to \$500,000 in grant money for the housing rehabilitation. He said no matching funds are proposed by the town; however, if New Brockton is selected for the grant monies, the home owners approved for the grant are required to supply a 10 percent match based on the amount of money they receive.

"This is something we need especially if it's going to fix up the town," Cole said.

A motion was made by McMonagle for the Town of New Brockton to apply for up to \$500,000 in grant money for housing rehabilitation. After receiving a second from council member Johnny Herron, the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

As the council discussed the monthly bills, council member Ricky Strickland questioned some money spent for the setup

Montgomery Advertiser, Brundidge city manager Britt Thomas said the amount of solid waste expected at the (BFI) landfill will be between 2,500-3,500 tons daily. Thomas said most of the solid waste from outside Alabama will be sent in special metal containers aboard trains.

According to Brundidge mayor James Ramage, the landfill currently receives about 400 tons of solid waste per day. Tindell said the City of Dothan is considering their options because their volume is declining, driving the unit cost of disposal up.

"The same thing is happening to us," he said. "We've got to do something to get our volume

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## Two NBHS cheerleaders kiss a pig for money.



A fund raising event for the 2002-2003 New Brockton High School cheerleaders came to a close last Thursday afternoon, May 2, when a pep rally was held in the high school gym. During the pep rally, the new cheerleading squad was presented to the student body with the highlight of the event being a "pig kissing." The cheerleaders had been carrying jars around for students to give them donations in the "kiss a pig" fundraiser. The goal was to raise money for uniforms, camp and other costly expenditures. The two cheerleaders to raise the most money had to kiss a pig in front of the entire student body during last week's pep rally. Those two cheerleaders were Katy Roberts and Bettie Brust. Above, Brust seems a little unsure of the situation as she prepares to give Mr. Pig a big kiss. Before the big moment, the ladies had to play rock, paper, scissors to decide which would go first. Brust was the lucky winner.

## State and congressional candidates set for election

Coffee County voters will return to the polls Tuesday, June 4, to cast their vote in the 2002 Primary Election, and although the county voters may be aware of who the candidates are in the local races, some may not be as familiar with the candidates in the state and congressional races.

A list of these candidates is as follows:

CONGRESSIONAL:

U.S. Senate - Julian McPhillips (Democrat); Susan Parker (Democrat); Jeff Sessions (Republican); and Wayne Sowell (Democrat)

U.S. Representative, District 2 - Terry Everett (Republican); Floyd Shackelford (Libertarian); and Charles

Woods (Democrat) STATE: Attorney General - Bill Pryor (Republican); Boyd Whigham (Democrat)

Commissioner of Agriculture and Industries - Lee Alley (Republican); Nathan Mathis (Democrat); Richard M. Nixon (Republican); Ron Sparks (Democrat); and Jacky R. Warhurst (Democrat)

Court of Civil Appeals Judge - Mishu Mullins (Democrat); William C. Thompson (Republican)

Court of Criminal Appeals Judge, Place 1 - Eric B. Funderburk (Democrat); Bucky McMillian (Republican); and Roger M. Monroe (Republican)

Court of Criminal Appeals

Judge, Place 2 - Pam Baschab (Republican); Florence Mangum Cauthen (Democrat) Governor - Charles Bishop (Democrat); Blake Harper III (Democrat); Tim James (Republican); Glady Riddle (Democrat); Bob Riley (Republican); Don Siegelman (Libertarian Party); Mark Townsend (Democrat); and Steve Windom (Republican)

Li - Governor - Lyn Curtis Adams (Libertarian); Bill Armistead (Republican); Cheryl Ann Bahakel (Republican); and Luc Baxley (Democrat)

Public Service Commissioner, Place 1 - Jan Cook (Democrat); Charles B. Martin (Republican); and Allen Sanderson (Republican)

Public Service Commissioner, Place 2 - Greg Pierce (Democrat); George C. Wallace Jr. (Republican)

Secretary of State - Mark Rodenhauen (Libertarian); Troy King (Republican); Chris Pitts (Democrat); Steve Segrest

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## Area Happenings

**ZION CHAPEL'S SPRING CONCERT** The Zion Chapel High School music department, under the leadership of Michael Bird, will present its annual Spring Concert on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 12. Featured groups will include the 5th Grade Recorder Class, the 6th Grade Beginner Band, the High School Jazz Combo directed by Patrick Bruce, and the Zion Chapel and Kinston High School bands directed by Michael Bird and Patrick Bruce. The concert will begin at 2:30 p.m.

**COMMISSION MEETING** The Coffee County Commission will hold its bimonthly meeting Monday, May 13, at 8 a.m. in the community room of the county complex in New Brockton.

**LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING MEETING** The Coffee County Local Emergency Planning Committee will meet at 6 p.m. on Monday, May 13. The meeting will be conducted in the community room at the Coffee County Commission Complex in New Brockton. This meeting is required by Title III of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act of 1986). For additional information, please contact the Coffee County Emergency Management Agency at (334)894-5415. All interested persons are encouraged to attend.

**RETIRED TEACHERS MEETING** The Coffee County Association of Retired Teachers and Support Personnel will meet on Tuesday, May 14, at 11:30 a.m. in the Citizens Bank Community Room in Enterprise. Lunch will be a "Pot Luck Luncheon." The speaker will be Nancy Worley.

## \*NOTICE\*

A second meeting of the "Keep Elba Dry" Committee will be held on Thursday, May 9, at 5:30 p.m. at the sanctuary of First Baptist Church. The committee whose purpose is to organize a campaign to defeat the proposed Wet/Dry referendum, was formed on May 2 by 60 citizens representing 8 area churches. The committee welcomes the participation of anyone opposed to legalizing the sale of alcohol in Elba. For more information, please contact Jack E. Brunson at 897-6856.

CLEARING IS UNDERWAY for the massive Elba levee rehab project. This photo was snapped from the Highway 84 bridge, looking North, behind the old post office. Elba city crews are busy clearing buildings, trees, etc. from newly acquired right-of-way as part of Elba's match in this multi-million dollar federal, state and locally funded project. The levee will be extensively widened and heightened. Official groundbreaking ceremonies will be held Monday morning at 9 a.m. at the levee site on the Troy Highway. Visiting dignitaries include the governor, U. S. Senator Richard Shelby, U. S. Representative Terry Everett, Corp. of Engineers officials, FEMA officials, Emergency Management officials. Also participating will be State Senator Jimmy Holley and State Representative Terry Spicer. On hand also will be local members of the Governor's Disaster Recovery Task Force. Elba Mayor James Grimes will officially welcome the visiting dignitaries and local citizens.